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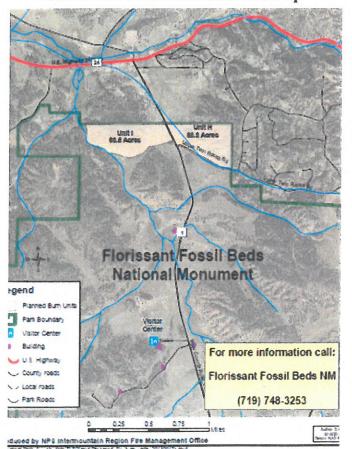
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Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument to Conduct Prescribed Burning in October

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument plans to implement a prescribed burn on approximately 180 acres of monument land along the northern boundary adjacent to Teller County Road 1. The primary goal for the project is to reduce accumulated hazardous forest fuels and to create a buffer near the monument's northern boundary to help protect adjacent neighbors and communities.

Prescribed burning operations are scheduled to begin the week of October 17, however, fire managers must wait until specifically prescribed conditions are met. Wind, fuel moisture, and availability of fire staffing all play a factor in when and whether burning operations occur. If conditions are not met within the scheduled week, then burning may be delayed until later in the month or until next fall.

Possible Fall 2016 Prescribed Fire Map



"Firefighter and public safety is our top priority as we implement the planned prescribed burn," says Superintendent Michelle Wheatley. "During the week of prescribed burning, nearby residents and monument visitors should expect temporary smoke in the vicinity of any prescribed fire activity and drivers should pay extra attention while traveling through or adjacent to burn areas." For safety purposes, monument neighbors and visitors are urged not to stop along the roadway or enter areas while burning operations are being conducted. The Monument visitor center, trails and roads are expected to remain open.

The locations of the proposed prescribed burn area and additional details will be available and updated on Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument's website at http://www.nps.gov/flfo.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For information see https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-

smoke-and-health.

Starting on October 17 updates will also be available on Twitter and Facebook @FlorissantNPS or for additional information call (719)748-3253.

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Prescribed Burn Planned for October 2016



throughout the fall into the spring. conditions are not favorable during the week of October 17th, Fire Schedule: To begin as early as October 17th. In the event that Managers will continue to assess windows of opportunity

of the park. Size: Roughly 180 acres in total along northern boundary

Fuel Type: Primarily Ponderosa Pine and Grass

adjacent neighbors and communities buffer near the monument's northern boundary to help protect Goal: To reduce accumulated hazardous forest fuels and to create a

Project Details:

- fuel reduction is most economic and most beneficial to the with minimal smoke impact to the community. Further, this type of Burning allows managers to reduce fuels adjacent to the boundary
- Burning will be limited to areas adjacent to Teller County Road 1 on the north end of the
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